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APPLICANT: Peter Fontana et al.

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TITLE: Novel Wellbore Fluid Circulation  
System and Method§  
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Examiner: Frank Tsay

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Dear Sir:

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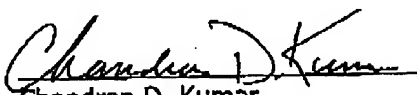
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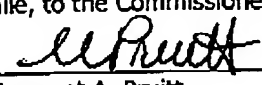
Respectfully submitted,

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